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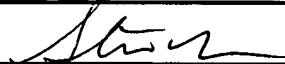
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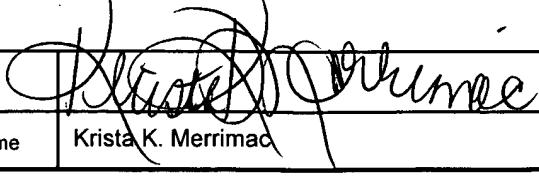
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METHOD, AND COMPARATIVE
INSPECTION DEVICE FOR
COMPARATIVE INSPECTIONS

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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.